REMARKS

In this Office Action[1], the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 15-22, and 57

under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, and 15-17

under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,768,382 to Schneier

et al. ("*Schneier*"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,671,412 to Christiano ("*Christiano*"), U.S.

Patent No. 5,629,980 to Stefik et al. ("*Stefik*"), and U.S. Patent No. 7,103,574 to

Peinado et al. ("*Peinado*"); rejected claims 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

unpatentable over *Schneier*, *Christiano*, *Stefik*, *Peinado*, and further in view of U.S.

Patent No. 5,590,288 to Castor et al. ("*Castor*"); and rejected claim 57 under 35 U.S.C.

§ 103(a) as unpatentable over *Christiano* in view of *Stefik* and *Peinado*.

Applicants amend claims 1, 5, 15, 17, and 56. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 15-22, and 57

remain pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112,

second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to address the Examiner's

concerns, and, accordingly, request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, 15-22, and 57

under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 1 recites a data processing apparatus including, for example:

> an input circuit for receiving a secure container from a
> content provider, wherein the secure container contains a
> content file, a key file, and a signature data of the content
> provider, and for receiving license key data from an
> electronic distribution center, wherein the content file

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[1] The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

> contains the encrypted content data, and wherein the key file
> contains the encrypted content key, the usage control policy
> data, and signature data of the electronic distribution center.

Schneier, Christiano, Stefik, and *Peinado,* alone or in combination, fail the teach or suggest at least the claimed input circuit.

Schneier discloses device and method for encoding a message corresponding to an outcome of a computer game. Abstract. The method includes executing a computer game program to generate a computer game outcome, encoding the outcome to generate an encoded message, and providing the encoded message to a user. *Id.* The user may then transmit the encoded message to a device configured to reveal the game outcome. *Id. Schneier* does not teach or suggest the above-referenced input circuit.

Stefik fails to cure the deficiencies of *Schneier.* That is, *Stefik* also fails to teach or suggest the above-referenced input circuit. Instead, *Stefik* discloses a system for controlling the use and distribution of digital works. Abstract. In *Stefik,* an owner can attach usage rights to a work, and the work and the work's usage rights are stored in a secure repository. Col. 3, lines 56-60. These works may only be accessed by other secure repositories. Col. 3, lines 60-61.

Christiano fails to cure the deficiencies of *Stefik* and *Schneier.* That is, *Christiano* also fails to teach or suggest the above-referenced input circuit. Instead, *Christiano* discloses a license management system for software applications. Abstract. In *Christiano,* a license is granted to a client when a client is allowed to receive the license according to a license policy. When the license is a component license, a linked suite license is also checked out such that no other client my use a component license

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linked to the suite license. Abstract. *Christiano* also disclose issuing overdraft and failsafe license, and the license server logging their issuance.

Peinado fails to cure the deficiencies of *Christiano*, *Stefik*, and *Schneier*. That is, *Peinado* also fails to teach or suggest the above-referenced input circuit. Instead, *Peinado* discloses an enforcement architecture and method for implementing digital rights management. In *Peinado*, if the user is attempting to render the digital content for the first time, the digital rights management system either directs the user to a server to obtain a license to render the digital content in the manner sought, or obtains the license transparently. Col. 2, lines 54-58. The license includes a decryption key that decrypts the encrypted content, a description of the rights conferred by the license, and a digital signature that ensures the integrity of the license. Col. 2, lines 58-64. In *Peinado*, the license server only issues a license to a system that can be trusted. Col. 3, lines 3-5.

Schneier, *Christiano*, *Stefik*, and *Peinado*, alone or in combination, fail the teach or suggest at least the claimed input circuit. Accordingly, *Schneier*, *Christiano*, *Stefik*, and *Peinado*, even if combined, cannot render claim 1 obvious.

Independent claims 17 and 57, with different in scope, distinguish over *Schneier*, *Christiano*, *Stefik*, and *Peinado* for at least reasons similar to those disscussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-11, 15, and 16 depend from claim 1, and are allowable at least due to their dependence.

Although the Examiner cites *Castor* in the rejection of dependent claims 18-22, Applicants respectfully assert that *Castor* also fails to cure the deficiencies of *Schneier*,

Christiano, *Stefik*, and *Peinado* discussed above. Therefore, claims 18-22 are also allowable at least due to their dependence from claim 17.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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